

Ancaster Meadow Home & School Association Meeting, April 19, 2022.

Attending Members: Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Kristi Snary, Adrienne Van Dam, Andrea Colbert-De Geit, Colleen Kaus, Joey Pottinger, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Okiemute Numa, Sandra Wohl, Sherri Johnston, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Rawan Al-Louzi

Attending Non-Members: Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan, Eti Umah

Regrets: Andrea Gamberg, Mohammed Nalla, Ameer Rajah, Nicole Elder

Todd calls the meeting to order at 7:23p.m.

Agenda approved: Kristi Snary

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour

Treasurer's Report:

Big Box of Cards – sold 88 boxes. \$968.00 earned.

Tents - Reasa and Kristi looking into the carry-over from the tents from 2019-2020; will report back.

DPA equipment – will look into whether or not it has been purchased yet.

Mary Brown's - added an additional \$50.00 to our earnings, bringing us to \$200.00.

Current amount from fundraising: \$11,000.00

Treasurer's Report Approved: Colleen Kaus

Second: Sandra Wohl

All in favour.

January & March Meeting Minutes Approval:

All members received a copy of the January & March meeting minutes. Group asked if they have any amendments suggestions; none received.

January and March meeting minutes approved: Joey Pottinger

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

Fundraising Updates/Open Discussion:

Family Dine-In Nights:

Mary Brown's: The owner donated \$50 making the total we earned \$200.00. They are willing to open up their menu for different options in future. The franchise owner is new and really wants to get involved with the community. Perhaps re-visit this vendor in June or September.

Suggestions/Discussion:

- Plant-based/Vegan options and to include their chicken burger in future.
- Group likes idea to have Mary Brown's in June.

Buffalo Wild Wings: They suggested a dine-in event after Ramadan in May. Rawan will see if they will open it up for both dine-in and take-out.

Group agrees to look into Family Dine In nights with Buffalo Wild Wings for May and Mary Brown's for June.

Big Box: Was well-received and have only had good feedback. Company was great to work with, though they hoped that we can expand the amount of time we offer the sales to 2-weeks.

Suggestions:

- Another school's Principal went to each class to promote it, could be done in an assembly also.
- Communicating prizes to parents may boost sales also.
- Is there different options (holiday?) if offered in the fall? Does variety change, or same cards as this year?
- Is it comparable to the Papyrus cards?
- Take close-up photos of cards when advertising?

Jessica will look into what needs to be done to host it again.

Other/New Business:

Grad Dinner and Dance: Thanks to Colleen for going with Reasa on a Saturday to confirm and book with them. Have booked for 50 people and can increase from there. Event Date: June 21st, directly following the commencement ceremony. Dinner and dance normally starts at 7:00p.m. Tickets normally sold in May. Details to follow. Todd, Joey and Julie all listed as volunteers, plus a few others.

Pizza Mondays, Lunch Box and Open House BBQ:

Domino's Monday Pizza Lunches: Kelly had suggested packaged foods this year. They can offer a 2-slice box at \$3.00 each. Think it will be a lot of work for the 2-months left in this school year. Feel it best to postpone pizza in the fall of 2022.

Lunch Box: Kev School Solutions has merged with Lunch Box. Thursday seems an ideal day to offer it again. Options are: Swiss Chalet, Boston Pizza, Pita Pit, Subway and Quesada. School earns \$0.50 to \$0.75 per order, depending on vendor. Menu options and cost listed for group. All menu options offered agree with the PPF150 Nutritional Guidelines.

Vendors rotate – different vendor offered each week.

Question: Would Mary Brown's meet the PPF 150 guidelines? 2-piece chicken nugget meal with side of fries or maybe coleslaw. Reasa will check if Mary Brown's is listed on the Lunch Box site, though it seems like something we'd have to run through School Cash Online. Another consideration is that Lunch Box labels all of the orders which streamlines the process at the school level. This may be not be something available from Mary Brown's at this time.

Do we proceed with Lunch Box this year?

Suggestion: With only 8-weeks left in school, do we consider 4 vendors and offer Lunch Box Mondays and Thursdays?

Response: Discussion on this already had with Kelly – agreed to run once a week at the moment. Part of the issue is that we currently only have 3 volunteers available to enter the school.

Subway, Swiss, Boston all very popular in the past.

Motion to proceed May 5th with all 5 vendors, then repeat Subway, Swiss Chalet and Boston Pizza in June: Kristi Snary

Second: Sandra Wohl

All in favour.

Open House BBQ: Harvey's was willing to do it again this year. However, we won't be having an Open House this year due to concerns with Covid. Should we have a BBQ at the Pro Grant event?

Suggestion: Check in with Kelly for suggestions for outdoor event tied in to the Pro Grant event. Something to help community gather at the year's end (teacher attendance voluntary).

Reasa will talk with Ria and Kelly and report back.

Staff Appreciation: Normally we would express a teacher/staff appreciation by doing a Feb snack buffet and a May luncheon.

Ria: On our March PD day, we did have some food in, which was well-received by teachers. Will touch base with Kelly to see if fruit trays, pastry trays would be a good idea. Need to check if we are able to have volunteers on site during event. (Volunteers normally set-up food and hang out in copy room to replenish trays, etc.)

Suggestion: volunteers could set-up and we can use foods that don't need refrigeration between nutrition breaks.

Group interested in proceeding, Reasa will look into options.

Motion to allocate \$300.00 for refreshments: Kristi Snary

Second: Andrea Colbert-De Geit

All in favour.

EQAO Ice Cream:

In the past, H&S has served an ice cream sundae with chocolate or caramel syrup to Grade 3 and 6 EQAO students.

Ria: Next Tuesday I will be meeting with teachers to plan the EQAO for this year. We will be discussing dates, also all testing done online, not booklets this year. Looking at running it at the end of May or beginning of June.

Reasa: We normally do the sundaes after the testing is complete, which would mean June this year.

Colleen: Perhaps this year we offer wrapped popsicles so that each class could have them as they finish?

Reasa: I like the idea that they are individually packaged. Could do a Freezie Day.

Snary: Wrapped ice cream sandwiches? Have to check into nut-free options.

Reasa: We have to consider dairy allergies also, which has come up in the past.

Group will decide on this at the May meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Colleen Kaus

Second: Sandra Wohl

All in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m.

Next Meeting: follows School Council on May 25th at Southcote 53. This will be our last meeting of the year.